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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SHUM, HA  
SUBJ: ICJ REPORT ON HAITI

1. PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY LE MATIN HEADLINED JANUARY 5  
"JUDGEMENT" OF INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS ON HAITI.  
THE AFP DESPATCH REPORTED THAT THE HAITIAN REGIME "REMAINS  
A DICTATORSHIP BUT THE CLIMATE OF REPRESSION HAS MARKEDLY  
MODERATED." THE COMMISSION ALSO NOTED THAT "THE RECENT AMNESTY  
WAS PART OF A SERIES OF LIBERALIZATION MEASURES AND MANY  
HAITIANS BELIEVE THAT IT MARKED A TURNING POINT" IN LOCAL  
POLITICS.

2. THE REST OF THE AFP DESPATCH READS AS FOLLOWS: "THE PRESS  
EXERCISES WITH CAUTION A MORE INDEPENDENT AND CRITICAL ROLE.  
THE GOVERNMENT RADIO HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO A FORUM FOR  
CITIZENS' COMPLAINTS--EVEN AGAINST LOCAL MILITARY AUTHORITIES,  
AND, IN PRIVATE, HAITIANS QUESTION GOVERNMENT MEASURES IN A  
MANNER WHICH WOULD EARLIER HAVE BEEN INCONCEIVABLE',  
ACCORDING TO THE COMMISSION. 'THESE MEASURES ARE WITHOUT ANY  
DOUBT DUE, IN PART, TO THE PRESSURES EXERTED BY THE COUNTRIES  
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WHICH FURNISH HAITI ESSENTIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE', IN THE  
OPINION OF THE COMMISSION WHICH DID NOT NAME THESE COUNTRIES.  
FINALLY IT (THE COMMISSION) MADE A FAVORABLE MENTION OF  
THE CREATION IN AUGUST 1977 OF A TRIBUNAL ON THE SECURITY OF  
THE STATE."

3. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING

FULL TEXT OF ICJ REPORT WHICH AFP DESPATCH STATES WAS  
PUBLISHED "THURSDAY" IN GENEVA.  
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